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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Richard A. Ales, et al.

Serial No.: 10/518,337

Filed: December 15, 2004

For: **ULTRASONIC TESTING OF  
FITTING ASSEMBLY**

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By this amendment, 65 total claims including four (4) independent claims are pending in this application. A check in the amount of \$2,450 is enclosed to cover the additional claim fee for forty-five (45) total claims (\$2,250) in excess of twenty (20) and one (1) independent claim (\$200) in excess of three (3). Prior to commencing examination, please preliminarily amend the present application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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